



The Honorable Judge Laurel Beatty Blunt Franklin County Court of Common Pleas

Judge Laurel Beatty Blunt attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she received a B.S. in Psychology *magna cum laude* in 1996. She subsequently attended Vanderbilt University Law School and received a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1999. Judge Beatty Blunt was licensed to practice law in Ohio in November 1999.

Judge Beatty Blunt started her legal career at Frost Brown Todd (formerly Frost & Jacobs) in Cincinnati, Ohio where she was a member of the litigation department, focusing primarily on commercial and diet drug defense litigation. Judge Beatty Blunt then returned to her hometown of Columbus and joined Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter where she was a member of the litigation, creditor's rights and bankruptcy, and government affairs departments. Afterward she handled small business, probate, and personal injury matters for Otto Beatty, Jr. & Associates where she sat first and second chair in several trials.

Judge Beatty Blunt then served as Director of Legislative Affairs and Counsel to the Voting Rights Institute for the Ohio Secretary of State. In that role, Judge Beatty Blunt served as liaison to the Ohio General Assembly and 88 county boards of elections. She also oversaw the drafting of legislation, obtained sponsors for bills, and provided testimony and information on bills pertaining to the Secretary of State's office.

In 2009 Governor Ted Strickland appointed Judge Beatty Blunt to serve on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. In that capacity, Judge Beatty Blunt has jurisdiction over felony criminal cases, administrative appeals, and civil matters in which the sum or matters in dispute exceed \$15,000. Judge Beatty Blunt was overwhelmingly elected in November 2010, earning 68% of the vote in Franklin County and re-elected in 2016 to a second term.

Judge Beatty Blunt is currently a member of the Women's Leadership Council of the United Way of Central Ohio, the Supreme Court of Ohio Board on Continuing Legal Education and Trustee of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association. She also serves as a mentor for the Ohio Judicial College Mentorship Program and has served on numerous law-related panels and is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus Bar Association, and John Mercer Langston Bar Association. Judge Beatty Blunt is a past member of the Board of Trustees of the YWCA of Central Ohio, the United Way of Central Ohio Board of Trustees and Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force.

